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Serial No. 09/201,228Remarks

Claims 1-3, 8-16, 30, 51, 52 and 57-65 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 3 and amended various claims correct their dependencies in order to place this application in condition for allowance. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the subject specification and in the claims as originally filed. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 1, 8-16, 30, 51, 52 and 57-65 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)(2) over Cousineau *et al.* Applicants again request the electronic records of the Patent Office be updated to reflect the new title presented in the Amendment dated March 1, 2004. A review of the Patent Office electronic records indicates the new title is not yet reflected therein.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 8, 10-12, 14-16, 51 and 52 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of any base and intervening claims. In addition, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 57-65 are allowed.

Claims 1, 9, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)(2) as anticipated by Black, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,207,647). In addition, claims 2, 3 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Southern (WO 89/10977, 1989). Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 13 and 30 and canceled claims 2 and 3, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be understood that the amendments presented herein have been made solely to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicants' agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the invention(s) disclosed in the subject application, including any subject matter canceled or not pursued during prosecution of the subject application, in a related application.

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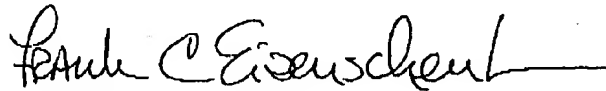
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In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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